

City of LaVerkin

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Confluence Park Executive Board and Technical Advisory Committee Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2016 4:00 p.m. 435 N. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

Present:

Board Members:

Bob Sandberg Washington County – HCP

Kerry Gubler La Verkin City Kaden DeMille Hurricane City

Others:

Kathleen Nielson Grant Writer

Ken Hooten La Verkin City Council Representative

Christy Ballard La Verkin City

I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Kerry Gubler called the meeting to order at 4:13pm.

II. Approve Minutes:

Motion was made by Bob Sandberg to approve the March 16, 2016 minutes, second by Kerry Gubler. Bob-yes, Kerry-yes, Kaden-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Business:

A. Access Points Grant- Kathleen Nielson

Kathleen reported the Access Points Grant has been completed and everything has been turned in.

B. Report on Hurricane Trailhead Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-Kathleen Nielson The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a success. The flute players were a very nice touch.

C. Funding for the Cache Valley Bank property-Bob Sandberg

Bob put this item on the agenda as a reminder to the Board and Committee members to be aware of people that may be interested in helping to purchase the property.

The asking price was \$1,250,000. The Conservation Fund is negotiating with Cache Valley Bank on that price.

The Conservation Fund has agreed to purchase the property if they can be assured full payback.

D. Confluence Park Logo update-Bob Sandberg

Bob had a picture of the new logo for Washington County.

The old logo does not need to be replaced on the signs until they wear out.

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E. Discussion on possible solution for SR9 parking issues

Bob mentioned the best solution for this issue is if someone else were to purchase the property and allow the Park to either use or lease a section for parking.

The Gordon Wood family is not willing to lease the property to Confluence Park.

Bob looked at La Verkin City's property on 300 South that was offered for parking. There is enough room, but it is not tied to the Park very well and would require people to walk to the trailhead.

Bob suggested putting up a parking sign and see how it works.

The people proposing the development to the south of the Wood property have expressed a willingness to allow Confluence Park parking on that property until construction starts.

Mayor Gubler reported the developers indicated to him that they were interested in purchasing the Wood property and would allow parking for Confluence on part of it.

Bob reported Mr. Soria thanked him for covering the sign, mentioning it has helped with his parking issue somewhat.

Kathleen mentioned the signs couldn't be covered for too long.

F. Discussion on Confluence Park Camping policy

Bob asked the Board if they were okay with how camping is being handled.

The Park is not set up to administer a campground and camping is not allowed in the parking lots. Right now, groups such as the Boy Scouts have been issued a camping permit but individual people have not.

The website and signs say "by permit only". Bob wondered if the Board would like to change it to state "group camping by permit only".

The groups camp at the back end of the Park by the fire ring close to the powerhouse. When Bob issues the permit, they are given the code to the gate, which hasn't been an issue. If it becomes a problem, the code is easy to change. Open fire is discretionary.

Ken Hooten is okay with the way Bob has handled camping permits.

Mayor Gubler reported La Verkin is still working on getting irrigation water to the Park.

Groups do need to bring a restroom facility when they stay in the Park. A second restroom on that end of the Park is in the Master Plan.

There was a discussion on the type of restroom that could be installed.

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G. Discussion on the restroom cleaning schedule-Bob Sandberg

Bob wondered if Hurricane would stay in the rotation for cleaning the La Verkin Creek trailhead restrooms.

Kaden will check into that.

H. Report on Power Station fence issue-Bob Sandberg

Christy took a complaint from a man hiking by the Power Station who ripped his clothes. He claimed the razor wire was sagging and installed improperly.

Bob inspected the fence and could not find anywhere the wire was sagging and it is not installed improperly.

Someone did cut the barbwire along the bottom on the side closest to the River and crawled through.

I. Report on the Feed and Milk Barn cleanup-Bob Sandberg

Bob reported the Young Single Adult ward was able to get most of the area cleaned up. What wasn't done they plan to finish later.

They were also able to clean around the dairy barn.

IV. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

No comments were made.

V. Board members concerns:

Kaden reported Dale and Corrine Stout were not able to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony but have been there before and would like to donate a couple of benches and a tree. The Hurricane Parks Department is looking into the price of those items.

Kathleen explained the Board needs to give the final approval.

Bob reported he is retiring June 1, 2016.

There is not an update on the Lane Blackmore property exchange.

Kathleen tried to contact the Hurricane Valley Head of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers to invite him to the Ribbon Cutting and let him know the Board was interested in talking to him about the monument but she hasn't heard back from him.

VI. Adjourn:

Motion was made by Bob Sandberg to adjourn, second by Kaden DeMille. Bob-yes, Kerry-yes, Kaden-yes. Motion carried unanimously at 5:00pm.

Minutes taken by Christy Ballard.

May 18, 2016

Date Approved

Kerry Gubler, Chair